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NATURAL GAS EXPLOITATION PROGRESSES

CRITICIZE AZERBAIDZHAN GAS EXTRACTION -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 206, 19 Oct 49

Azerbaijdzhan possesses great resources in natural gas, but for the second year the plan for gas extraction is not being fulfilled. This is felt by the city consumers and by Pakt industrial enterprises, which burn valuable liquid fuel for lack of gas.

At present the chemical processing of gas, both natural and synthetic, is being studied by scientific research institutes of Azerbaydzhan, but neither manufacturers nor scientific workers have given very much attention to efficient extraction, storage, and transport of gas.

The greater part of all gas extracted is recovered from depth pumps in oil field wells of Leningrafit' and Kaganovichnaft' trusts. This gas is very rich in the gasoline fractions and does not make an economical fuel. Nobody has taken an interest in analyzing this gas and in removing the gasoline from it.

In transporting gas from oil fields of the Kaganovichneft' Trust to the point of delivery, not less than 10 percent leakage occurs.

Great attention is being devoted to scientific research work in the gas industry in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Saratov. Sections on the extraction and utilization of gas should be created in the Azerbaydzhani Scientific Research Institute and in the Petroleum Institute of the Academy of Sciences Azerbaydzhani SSR. Well-equipped laboratories should be organized in connection with all gas offices of petroleum trusts.

MOSCOW INCREASES GAS SUPPLY -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 247, 19 Oct 49

The administration of "Mosgazstroy" has fulfilled the year plan for providing Moscow with gas facilities. During 9 months high-calorie fuel was supplied to more than 31,000 apartments. Builders of the gas system are now working on the 1950 quota. During October they will supply gas to 3,500 apartments in addition to the year plan, and to 800 more between 1 and 6 November.

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Vechernyaya Moskva, No 256, 27 Oct 49

On 27 October builders of trust No 6 of "Mosgazstroy" completed construction of the gas main in Baumanskiy Rayon, nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers long. It was extended from Bol'shaya Pochtovaya ulitsa to Baumanskaya ulitsa. Apartment houses are already connected with the first section of the gas main, and other dwelling houses will be connected soon. The section of the gas main from Spartakovskiy pereulok to Baumanskaya ulitsa, more than 400 meters long, was completed in 23 days.

KIEV EXPANDS GAS FACILITIES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 270, 17 Nov 49

The Dashava-Kiev gas pipe line has been supplying Kiev's population with gas for a year. At present 35,000 apartments have gas facilities. Recently Podolskiy Rayon, Kiev, was connected with the city gas main; on 16 November 300 additional apartments in the rayon began to make use of gas.

The several million cubic meters of gas consumed during the year for communal and living requirements have taken the place of nearly 140,000 tons of firewood or 60,000 tons of coal. By the end of 1950, 85 percent of all the fuel requirements of Kiev will be satisfied by Dashava gas.

Krasnaya Zvezda, No 271, 17 Nov 49

The length of the Kiev municipal gas network now exceeds 300 kilometers.

KUYBYSHEV GAS SUPPLY REACHES NEW PEAK -- Komsomolskaya Pravda, No 253, 5 Nov 49

By the end of 1949 more than 5,000 apartments in Kuybyshev will be supplied with gas facilities.

ANDIZHAN KOLKHOSES USING GAS EXTENSIVELY -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 254, 25 Oct 49

The number of kolkhozes in Andizhan Oblast which use natural gas from oil fields for household purposes is increasing yearly. In Leninskiy Rayon alone, 19 kolkhozes are utilizing gas as fuel also in forge shops, for firing brick, and for drying raw cotton. Gas stoves and ranges for preparing food have been installed in many kolkhoz homes. Many kolkhozes in Andizhanskiy Rayon have also been supplied with gas facilities. During 1949 installation of gas in kolkhozes of Markhamatskiy Rayon was begun.

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